



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Community Connect Awards – Virginia

2007 Grant Awards:

Lenowisco, Inc. I

St. Charles, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$594,400

Contact: Ron Flanary, 276-431-2206

County: Lee

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband service utilizing a fiber optic network. The project will provide service to seven (7) critical community facilities as follows: St Charles Community Center, St Charles Elementary School, St. Charles Fired Department, St. Charles Rescue Squad, St. Charles Community Health Clinic, St. Charles Respiratory Care (Black Lung) Clinic, and St. Charles Dental Clinic.

2006 Grant Awards:

Lenowisco, Inc. I

Ewing, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$454,558

Contact: Ron Flanary, 276-431-2206

County: Lee

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband service utilizing a fiber to the home system. The local library will act as a community center, allowing all residents free access to the Internet. Ewing, Virginia's local elementary school will greatly benefit from the addition of high speed Internet service in the community.

Techcore Consultants II DBA Almega Cable

Cleveland, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$220,650

Contact: Thomas Kurien, 817-685-9588

County: Russell

Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the local cable television system in Cleveland, Virginia with hybrid fiber coax (HFC) allowing residents and businesses the option of receiving broadband service. Many critical facilities will benefit from such service including: town hall, police department, volunteer fire and rescue squads, and the local elementary school. Funding will also enable the community to add a room to the Town Hall to house ten computers with free high speed Internet access.



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2005 Grant Awards:

Lenowisco, Inc. I

Rose Hill, VA

Grant Amount: \$506,048

Contact: Ron Flanary, 276-431-2206

County: Lee

This project will serve the community of Rose Hill, population 714, located in the central Appalachian Mountains of southwestern Virginia. The project will expand the Lenowisco Rural Area Network fiberoptic Ethernet backbone infrastructure to deploy broadband to this currently unserved area. The project will provide free access to the public library and the elementary school. A community center will be created through the expansion of the library building. The new computer center will provide on-site instruction and technical support in the use of broadband internet service, ranging from beginner computer and Internet introduction for senior citizens to advanced e-commerce strategies for businesses. The project intends to bring affordable broadband connections to at least 40 homes and 10 businesses. Broadband will be an economic stimulus for retaining the region's businesses and creating new jobs in this impoverished area.

2004 Grant Awards:

Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Nickelsville, VA

Grant Amount: \$586,737

Contact: William Franklin, 276-452-7224

County: Scott

The RUS grant to Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will fund a community center in Nickelsville, VA, including computers and staff for 2 years. Scott telephone will also provide a fiber to the premises (FTTP) network for the town, in an effort to bolster economic development opportunities, as the area's economy transitions away from complete reliance on production agriculture. "Always-on" Internet access can encourage new business migration, telecommuting and local entrepreneurs. The 440 residents of Nickelsville will benefit from this cooperative effort among area organizations.

2003 Grant Awards:

Town of Shenandoah, Virginia

Shenandoah, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$643,493

Contact: Kimberly Alexander, 540-652-8164

County: Page

The Town of Shenandoah, in Page County, is a small, rural, community in the heart of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Due to factory/plant closing, Shenandoah and Page



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County have lost over 900 jobs in the past 12 months. Lack of technology infrastructure is one of the most serious barriers to economic revitalization. Broadband Internet access will provide Shenandoah with the technology infrastructure it requires to attract new business to the area. This high-speed service would open up a world of educational and professional training opportunities to area residents. Broadband service will also provide critical community facilities with access to a greater network of professionals to improve and enhance their quality of service. Participating organizations include the Town Office, Shenandoah Community Computer Center, the Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Community Library, a satellite office for the Page Memorial Hospital, the sole doctor's office and the sole dentist's office in town. The Shenandoah Pharmacy is the only pharmacy in town and they are participating.

2002 Grant Awards:

Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Gate City, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$500,000

Contact: Mr. Bill Franklin, 276-452-7201

County: Duffield;

The Pioneer Center for Business Opportunity, a local business incubator will serve as the community center that will be utilized to provide education and training in the use of the Internet and web browsers, community boards, directories, through the use of shortcourses, seminars and coordination with other teaching institutions in the region. This project proposes to use the existing Duffield central office to mount all of the electronic multiplexer equipment to provide a direct "fiber to the premise" solution that uses two buried fibers to each location to provide all of the communications services. Scott County will provide 100mbit Ethernet fiber optic connection to each household, business and institution within the project service area that signs up for the service.